

Strengthening Families, as developed by the Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP), is a strength based child abuse prevention project. Built upon the evidence that protective factors decrease incidences of child abuse and neglect, Strengthening Families strives to incorporate 5 protective factors into early childhood settings so that all families will have networks of support and access to resources when needs arise.

Strengthening Families Framework

Program Strategies

- Facilitate Friendships and Mutual Support
- Strengthen Parenting
- Respond to Family Crises
- Link Families to Services & Opportunities
- Facilitate Children's Social & Emotional Development
- Observe & Respond to Early Warning Signs of Child Abuse/Neglect
- Value and Support Parents

Protective Factors

- Parental Resilience
- Social Connections
- Knowledge of Parenting & Child Development
- Concrete Support in Times of Need
- Social & Emotional Competence of Children

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